

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 787

Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro

February 17, 2011

An act to amend Section 2860 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to marine resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 787, as introduced, Chesbro. Marine protected areas.

The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) establishes the Marine Life Protection Program to reexamine and redesign California's marine protected area system. Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Game to prepare, and the Fish and Game Commission to adopt, a master plan that guides the adoption and implementation of the program, including recommended alternative networks of marine protected areas. Under the MLPA, the taking of a marine species in a marine life reserve is prohibited for any purpose, including recreational and commercial fishing, except as authorized by the commission for scientific purposes.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this prohibition.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2860 of the Fish and Game Code is
2 amended to read:

1 2860. (a) The commission may regulate commercial and
2 recreational fishing and any other taking of marine species in
3 MPAs.

4 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, the taking
5 of a marine species in a marine life reserve is prohibited for any
6 purpose, including recreational and commercial fishing, except
7 ~~that~~ the commission may authorize the taking of a marine species
8 for scientific purposes, consistent with the purposes of this chapter,
9 under a scientific collecting permit issued by the department.